(b) the Society for Fair Laws had addressed a communication dated 27-7-87 to the Prime Minister, alleging, inter-alia that vested interests were trying to scuttle the amendment of the Delhi Rent Control Act. The main submissions made by the Society in their aforesaid communication are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(c) The question of suitably amending the Delhi Rent Control Act, 1958 is under active consideration of the Government.

Statement

Extracts from the letter dated the 27th July, 1987 addressed by the Society for Fair Laws and Justice to Prime Minister.

Our Society is of the firm view that there should be no Rent Control Laws relating to urban property and the property owner should be free to rent their property in accordance with market rent which they can fetch and on terms and conditions which are mutually acceptable to the house owners and tenants. It would be naive to believe that all tenants require protection of law. As a matter of fact for the economically weaker section of society the Slum Act takes care. However if at present complete abolition of Rent Control Laws appears too radical, we would suggest the following measures:—

1. All pending cases relating to Rent Control Laws in various courts must be decided within next six months and strictly in accordance with the written agreements which should not be subordinated to the Rent Control Laws.

2. Where there is no agreement, and the owner wants his house to be vacated the tenant should be given 3 months notice to vacate the premises. Thereafter the tenant must vacate the premises without any conditions or going to court|police.

3. In cases where the tenant and the owner agree to continue the tenancy, the rent should be increased upto the level of 14 per cent of the current value of land and building and arrears should be payed according to the price index. If Govt. is sympathetic to the tenant, let them pay subsidy to the house owner to make up the difference retrospectively.

4. Cases relating to widows, orphans, retired civil and military personnel must be taken out of the purview of the Rent Control. Courts and the Lawyers should not have anything to do with them. Similarly owners of only one house in Delhi should not be governed by DRCA at all. This should include commercial or residential building, and there should be absolutely no inheritance of tenancy.

5. It is a pity that at present a tenant can drag a house developer to a criminal court under section 48 of DRCA where bail is insisted upon to begin with. This system must be abolished, and there must not be any criminal case against a house owner under the DRCA.

6. For future cases all agreements should be registered with the Registrar of Housing and he should be empowered to strictly enforce the provision of the agreement with police help if necessary. For three to five tenancies the rents may be linked with the price index, and there should be provision for vacation by one month notice on either side. Nobody should have power to revise the agreement. No tenant should be allowed to stay at one place for more than three to five years so that he makes place for young entrants to the city market. Thereafter the agreement should automatically lapse unless renewed by mutual agreement. The Act should not Control but should encourage housing industry by grant of low cost loans, land building material, etc.

Western music Broadcast by All India Radio

1245. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to

state whether Government have received complaints about the Western Music Broadcast on All India Radio; if so, what measures are proposed to be taken to improve its quality and replace the old wornout records?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): Yes, Sir. Listeneres' complaints have been received regarding quality of discs used for Western Music Broadcasts on All India Radio.

Stations have been instructed to rectify the defects noticed and withdraw all worn-out discs from circulation. Replacement of old records by new ones is a continuous process and is being done. In case of discs specially the Western Music records which are required to be imported, the process takes a little longer.

Amendment of the law relating to bonded labourers

1246. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that despite the best efforts of Government, a large number of bonded labourers stil exist in various parts of the country; if so, the areas so identified where bonded labourers exist;

(b) what is their estimated number State-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to amend the law, providing severe punishment to the persons keeping bonded labourers; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) (a) and (b) As per the information received from the States 2,24,562 bonded labourers have been identified upto 29-2-88 out of which 1,98,508 bonded labourers have been rehabilitated leaving a balance of 26,054 released bonded labourers to be rehabilitated. The State-wise details are given below:—

Name of the State	Number of bonded Laboures's	
	Identified & Released	Rehabilitated
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	26,817	25,320
Bihar	12,102	10,422
Karnataka	62,689	50,622
Madhya Pradesh	6,793	5,422
Maharashtra	964	880
Orissa	47,465	39,905
Rajasthan	6,957	6,817